

How is Your Relationship with Your Boss

1 Tim 6:1-2

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Servants: slaves

Under the yoke—under control of another.

Master: absolute ownership and total power.

Roman world full of slaves.

1. Prisoner of war
2. Condemned man
3. Debt
4. Kidnapped
5. Sold into slavery by parents
6. Born into slavery

Slaves: mostly Gentiles

Often—Slave attain to a high degree of cultural status

Roman law--master do anything want to slave

Several families slaves treated fairly, kindly, generously

Common thing for Christians to have slaves

Slaves formed large part of every congregation.

Never once apostles speak out against slavery.

Spirit of Gospel eventually wiped out slavery.

Why never addressed: Not an issue—taken for granted.

count their own masters worthy of all honour,...

Count: show due consideration, belief, opinion

All honour: place value, reverence, respect.

Honor their position

That a slave should serve for love and not fear is a revolution wrought by the Gospel, which ultimately abolishes slavery.

Honor boss: by quality or work and humble obedience.

By making a success

Not just boss. 1 Peter 2:17-18

Reputation of God at stake

Blasphemed: reputation and revelation of God not railed at.

Name: reputation, character, all that God is in person as deity.

Doctrine: principles, teachings, truths of Word of God

What God is and how He acts can become targets of ridicule if Christians do not manifest proper interpersonal relationships. The reception of

salvation should make any person, whether slave or free, a responsible citizen and worker

Just because you have dignity and spiritual freedom in Christ which is enjoyed in the church does not allow you to be blind to the fact that you still have obligations in society (relationships)

Your boss could care less about you being a Christian

Your testimony for Christ more important than social status.

For Christian slaves to show themselves as disobedient and rebellious would immediately discredit Christianity with their masters and brand the new religion as subversive to society.

Worst thing happen to Christian slave who disobeys master...his master caused to curse God and Word.

Every person who works for employer is *under the yoke*

The way you view your employer (authority) affects the way you view God!

Psalm 123:2 Ephesians 6:5 Colossians 3:22 Titus 2:9

2. When understand and apply/obeys God's principal of authority able to trust God!

Great faith!

Matt 8-- Jesus in Capernaum. Centurion came to Jesus and besought Him to heal his

Matt 8:8... but speak the word and my servant shall be healed.

Matthew 8:9 For I am a man under authority,

I understand this principle of authority, and because I do then I believe and have faith in your authority.. Just speak the word!

Matthew 8:10 ... *I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.*

A. Correct decisions based on faith Romans 14:23

B. Basic aspect of faith—realizing how God gets His directions to us through those placed over us.

C. A Christian who understands that authority is not give to dominate but to protect is a Christian who understands faith.

Four Basic Structures of Authority

1. **Family** Eph 6:1-2; Col 3:20 1 Cor 11

2. **Government**— Rom 13:1-6 Resist the power....resist God!

3. **Church**. Leadership/elders, deacons, etc. 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 Hebrews 13:17 1 Peter 5:1-

4. **Business:** Employer, employee

Colossians 3:22-23 1 Peter 2:18

Never seen a spiritually mature child of God who did not understand and apply God's principle of authority.

What if authority wants me to violate Word of God?

Daniel:

- Discern motive
- Creative alternative
- Appeal with RHA

1 Timothy 6:2 Galatians 3:28

Despise: think little of; think down upon

Don't take advantage of ...because you're kinship in the Lord

but rather do them service: Serve them all the more

Ought to want to make boss look good.

Blessing instead of a thorn!

Faithful: Belonging to faith

Beloved: Family

partakers of the benefit.

Employee/servant...receive the benefit of food, protection, ...

Employer/master—benefit from your work...profit...

These things teach and exhort.

Show and present these principles to congregation

Exhort: call to one's side, urge, entreat, encourage.

So become part of your people's wills.

So what?

All under the yoke.

1. Do you realize--your view of authority dictates your view of God?
2. When understand and apply God's principle of authority we grow in our faith.
3. Have you ever purposed to willingly place yourself under all the authorities God has placed in your life?